

# The Watchers

## General Activities

### Before reading

- Look at the cover of the book. Who are these people? Where are they from? Which is the important person? How do you know?

### While reading

- 1 Read Chapter 1, then read this letter. It is from Nikos to his friend Dimitris.

Knossos  
10 August  
Dear Dimitris

*My English friends Stella and Jim are staying with me here at my mother's house. Tomorrow we are going to the caves under the Palace. Jim is very happy, but his sister Stella is afraid, I think. Caves are dangerous sometimes!*

Best wishes

Nikos

On that day, Jim and Stella write letters too. They write to their friends in England. Write Jim's letter to his friend Tony, or Stella's letter to her friend Lucy.

### 2 Read to the end of Chapter 2. What is wrong here? Put in the right words.

Jim and his mother Stella are in Crete. Jim sees something on TV about caves behind the Palace of Knossos. Next day Jim, Stella and their son Nikos go into the caves at ten o'clock. They run in the caves all day. The caves are 10,000 years old, and the old English gods live in the caves. Poseidon lives in there; he is the god of holidays and the sun.

In the bedroom Taras and Aketa wait and sleep. They are three hundred years old. They lie near the statue of Poseidon.

### 3 Before Chapter 3, read this.

- What is the end of the story? Choose one answer.
  - a Stella is afraid and goes out of the cave. She tells Nikos's mother about the cave. The police go into the cave and find Jim and Nikos. Stella is happy.
  - b The three friends find the statue of Poseidon in the last cave. They take it out of the cave and sell it. They get a lot of money and have a very good holiday.
  - c The three friends find a gold bowl, but Stella doesn't want to take it. She thinks something is watching them. They see a big gold statue, but then the ground starts to move. Soon they are all dead in the cave.
- Now read the story.

### After reading

- 1 Match the people on the left with the sentences on the right.

Jim	knows Knossos well.
	isn't afraid of the Greek gods.
Nikos	wants to take the gold bowl.
	doesn't like the caves.
Stella	knows a lot about caves.
	hears the earthquake first.

- 2 Would you like to visit these caves under Knossos? Why/Why not?

3 Taras says: *All people want gold. They cannot eat it, they cannot drink it. But the love of gold is in all people.*

Is that true? What do you think?

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## Comprehension Tests

### Chapter 1

- Answer 'Yes' (Y) or 'No' (N) to these questions.

- 1 Are Taras and Aketa alive?
- 2 Do Taras and Aketa go away from the hall?
- 3 Is Nikos Cretan?
- 4 Do a lot of people visit the caves?
- 5 Does Nikos know Knossos well?
- 6 Does Nikos know the caves under Knossos well?
- 7 Does Jim want to visit the caves very much?
- 8 Do the people from the Palace have dark eyes and dark hair?
- 9 Do Stella and Jim have dark eyes and dark hair?
- 10 Do the people from the Palace come to the hall now?

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### Chapter 2

- Answer 'Yes' (Y) or 'No' (N) to these questions.

- 1 Can they see well in the caves?
- 2 Do they walk slowly in the caves?
- 3 Does Stella want to visit more caves?
- 4 Are the three friends going to sleep in the caves?
- 5 Are the old Greek gods important to Jim?
- 6 Are there a lot of earthquakes in Greece?
- 7 Does Stella laugh at Poseidon?
- 8 Is Poseidon angry when people come to the hall?

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### Chapter 3

- Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 They are going to look at more caves.
- 2 The road in the cave is very old.
- 3 Nikos can hear a river behind them.
- 4 Jim wants to go across the river.
- 5 Nikos thinks the river is dangerous.
- 6 The three friends are going to have some food, then go across the river.
- 7 Taras and Aketa can hear the three friends but they can't see them.

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### Chapter 4

- Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Stella doesn't want to leave the caves.
- 2 Sometimes Stella and Nikos hear something in the caves.
- 3 Stella and Nikos don't want to take the bowl.
- 4 Stella is afraid of the hall.
- 5 Nikos thinks Stella is silly.
- 6 The Watchers call Poseidon's name.
- 7 The three friends run out of the hall.
- 8 Nobody can find the three friends now.
- 9 The gold bowl is under the stones too.
- 10 Now the Watchers are going to leave the hall.

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### The whole story

- Write answers to these questions.

- 1 What do the Watchers do?
- 2 Why are Stella and Jim in Crete?
- 3 What is in the caves under the Palace of Knossos?
- 4 Why is Stella afraid of the caves?
- 5 What do the people from the Palace do in the caves?
- 6 Where are the people from the Palace now?
- 7 Which god lives in the caves?
- 8 What do people look for in the hall of the god?
- 9 The three friends arrive at the river. How does Taras know this?
- 10 What is Jim going to do with the bowl?
- 11 How does Nikos know about the earthquake?
- 12 Taras and Aketa call a name. Whose name is it?
- 13 Why can't the three friends get out of the caves?
- 14 How many people are dead at the end of the story?
- 15 What are the Watchers going to do now?

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Total score

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## General Activities

### While reading

2 Jim and his *sister* Stella are in Crete. Jim sees something in *the newspaper* about caves *under* the Palace of Knossos. Next day Jim, Stella and their *friend* Nikos go into the caves *at seven* o'clock. They *walk* in the caves all day. The caves are *3,000* years old, and the old *Greek gods* live in the caves. Poseidon lives in there; he is the god of *earthquakes and the sea*.

In the *hall* Taras and Aketa wait and *watch*. They are three *thousand* years old. They *sit* near the statue, of Poseidon.

### After reading

- 1 Jim isn't afraid of the Greek gods.  
Jim wants to take the gold bowl.  
Nikos knows Knossos well.  
Nikos knows a lot about caves.  
Stella doesn't like the caves.  
Stella thinks someone is watching them.

## Comprehension Tests

### Chapter 1

1 N 2 N 3 Y 4 N 5 Y 6 N 7 Y 8 Y 9 N 10 N

### Chapter 2

1 N 2 Y 3 N 4 Y 5 N 6 Y 7 N 8 Y

### Chapter 3

1 T 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T

### Chapter 4

1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T 9 T 10 F

### The whole story

- 1 They sit and wait and watch.
- 2 They are on holiday.
- 3 Nobody knows.
- 4 Because they are dangerous.
- 5 They dance.
- 6 They are dead.
- 7 Poseidon.
- 8 They look for gold.
- 9 He hears them.
- 10 He is going to sell it.
- 11 He can hear something.
- 12 Poseidon's.
- 13 Because the walls are falling.
- 14 Three.
- 15 They are going to stay in the hall.